

#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20554

OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Mr. Peter Shields Wiley, Rein & Fielding, LLP 1776 K Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Request for waiver of Application Fees Control No. 00000RROG-03-105

Dear Mr. Shields:

This letter responds to your request dated September 17, 2003 for waivers under section 1.1117(a) of the filing fees associated with various assignment authorization applications filed on behalf of Nucentrix Broadband Networks, Inc. (NBN) and its wholly owned subsidiary, Nucentrix Spectrum Resources, Inc. (NSR) (jointly, Nucentrix). You also request waiver of 47 C.F.R. 1.1117(e), which requires that fee waiver requests be accompanied by the fees sought to be waived pending the disposition of the waiver request. In your petition, you state that in separate but related filings with the Commission, Nucentrix is seeking Commission consent to an involuntary assignment of its FCC licenses, from the relevant licensee to that licensee as Debtor-in-Possession. You explain that Nucentrix is filing the assignment authorization applications to facilitate its reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. You provide evidence that on September 5, 2003, NBN and NSR filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, including copies of both bankruptcy petitions and Notices of Bankrupcy Case Filing from the Court.

Pursuant to section 1.1117 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1117, the Commission will grant waivers of its filing fees upon a showing of good cause and a finding that the public interest will be served thereby. Financial hardship, as evidenced by bankruptcy or receivership, is sufficient to establish good cause. See MobileMedia Corporation, 14 FCC Rcd 8017, 8027 (1999) (bankruptcy establishes good cause for waiver of filing fee).

2. Mr. Peter Shields

In your instant request, you establish that Nucentrix has commenced Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. We find that Nucentrix's filing of bankruptcy petitions provides good cause for waiver. We therefore grant your request for relief with respect to the fees associated with the applications for involuntary assignment of Nucentriux's FCC licenses. We will waive the filing fees in the total amount of \$37,080.00. Further, we also grant waiver of the requirement that the filing fees accompany the request for waiver pending that request, also for good cause established by the bankruptcy petitions.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the Revenue and Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Reger
Chief Financial Officer

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Managing Director Federal Communications Commission Wireless Bureau Applications 445 12th Street, S.W. Room 1A625 Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission Wireless Bureau Applications P.O. Box 358994 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5994

Re: Request for Waiver of Fees

Dear Managing Director:

In this transaction Nucentrix Broadband Networks, Inc. (debtor-in-possession) ("NBN") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nucentrix Spectrum Resources, Inc. (debtor-in-possession) ("Nucentrix") request waivers under Section 1.1117(a)<sup>1</sup> of the Commission's rules of the filing fees associated with its various assignment authorization applications.<sup>2</sup>

In separate but related filings Nucentrix is seeking FCC consent to an involuntary assignment of its FCC licenses, from the relevant licensee to that licensee as Debtor-in-Possession. Nucentrix requests a waiver of the filing fees for these assignment applications under Section 1.1117 of the Commission's Rules. Nucentrix is filing the assignment authorization application to facilitate its reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. On September 4, 2003, NBNI and Nucentrix filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Case No. 03-39123-HDH-11. The FCC considers the filing for the petition for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C F.R Sec 1 1117(a) Nucentrix also requests waiver of 47 C.F.R. Sec. 1 1117(e), which requires that fee waiver requests be accompanied by the fees sought to be waived payable pending disposition of the waiver request

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nucentrix is requesting assignment of MDS, CARS, WCS, microwave and land mobile licenses.

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bankruptcy, where the filing company remains as Debtor-in-Possession, to be an involuntary assignment entitled to pro forma treatment.<sup>3</sup>

NBN and Nucentrix request a waiver of the filing fees under Section 1.1117 of the Commission's rules due to financial hardship. The bankrupt status of NBN and Nucentrix provides good cause for the waiver of these filing fees.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, a waiver of the filing fees will serve the public interest by enabling NBN and Nucentrix to preserve assets that will accrue to the benefit of innocent creditors.<sup>5</sup>

The public interest would not be served by requiring licensees in bankruptcy proceedings to place assets under FCC control, potentially making the assets unavailable when debts are settled with innocent creditors. The FCC has previously recognized that enabling bankrupt licensees to conserve assets to accrue to the benefit of innocent creditors is in the public interest.<sup>6</sup> The FCC should uphold this precedent, which supports the Bankruptcy Code's requirement that debtors conserve assets during such proceedings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Stephen F Sewell, Assignments and Transfers of Control of FCC Authorizations under 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, 43 Fed. Comm. L.J. 277, 373 (1991).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for the 1994 Fiscal Year, 10 FCC Rcd 12759, 12762 (1995)(hereinafter *Implementation Order*)(determining that bankruptcy provides good cause for a fee waiver as a general standard). See also MobileMedia Corp., 14 FCC Rcd 8017 (1999)(applying the *Implementation Order* determination to approve waiver of application filing fees).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See MobileMedia at 8027.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See supra note 1.

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If you have any questions regarding these requests please contact the undersigned counsel.

Sincerely

Peter D. Shields

Counsel for Nucentrix Broadband Networks, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nucentrix Spectrum Resources, Inc.

#### **Marjorie Bertman**

From: Turner, Joshua [jturner@wrf.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2003 3:39 PM

To: Marjorie Bertman
Cc: Shields, Peter

Subject: Nucentrix Bankruptcy Information

Ms. Bertman,

You have requested the total amount of fees that Nucentrix Spectrum Resources, Inc. ("Nucentrix") is requesting a waiver of as a result of its bankruptcy petition (Nucentrix's status changed to "debtor-in-possession" as a result of this petition. The application to assign licenses to the debtor-in-possession entity remains pending at the FCC).

The fees that Nucentrix is requesting a waiver of fall into two categories. The first is fees relating to the assignment application from Nucentrix to its debtor-in-possession entity. The total amount of fees for this transaction is \$37,080. Additionally, Nucentrix requests a waiver of any other fees that the Commission may determine are owed by Nucentrix as a result of this transaction.

The second category covers annual regulatory fees for 2003. In accordance with FCC guidelines and industry practices, Nucentrix calculates that the total amount of money it owes for 2003 regulatory fees is \$46,740. Nucentrix also requests a waiver of any other fees that the Commission may determine are owed by Nucentrix as part of the 2003 annual regulatory fee process.

You have also requested copies of Nucentrix's bankruptcy filing(s). I am including scanned copies of the bankruptcy petitions for Nucentrix Broadband Networks (the parent entity) and Nucentrix Spectrum Resources (the licensee subsidiary).

If you have any questions, or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Joshua S. Turner Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP 1776 K St., NW Washington, DC 20006 <a href="mailto:jturner@wrf.com">jturner@wrf.com</a> (202) 719-4807 (v) (202) 719-7049 (f)

#### United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

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#### United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

#### Notice of Bankruptcy Case Filing

A bankruptcy case concerning the debtor (s) listed below was filed under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, entered on 09/05/2003 at 04:23 AM and filed on 09/05/2003.

Nucentrix Broadband Networks, Inc. 4120 International Parkway Suite 2000 Carrollton, TX 75007 (972) 423-9494 Tax id: 73-1435149



The case was filed by the debtor's attorney:

John E. Mitchell Vinson and Elkins, LLP 2001 Ross Ave. No. 3700 Dallas, TX 75201 214-220-7700

The case was assigned case number 03-39123.

The filing of a bankruptcy case automatically stays certain actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.

If you would like to view the bankruptcy petition and other documents filed by the debtor, they are available at our *Internet* home page www.txnb.uscourts.gov or at the Clerk's Office, 1100 Commerce Street, Room 1254, Dallas, TX 75242.

You may be a creditor of the debtor. If so, you will receive an additional notice from the court setting forth important deadlines.

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#### United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

NUCENTRIX BROADBAND NETWORKS, INC.

In re

2.	SEC file number is000-23684  The following financial data is the latest available informati	ion and refers to debtor's c	ondition on
	a. Total assets	\$ <u>4,538,195.00</u>	
	<ul><li>b. Total debts (including debts listed in 2.c.,below)</li><li>c Debt securities held by more than 500 holders.</li></ul>	\$13,141,940.00	Approximate number of holders
		\$ 0.00	
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	d. Number of shares of preferred stock		0
	e. Number of shares of common stock	10,404,443	17
	Comments, if any: Debtor has also issued 1,099,635 Warrant A securi	ties, currently held by 876	holders.

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Debtor(s)

# Exhibit "A" to Voluntary Petition Attachment A

#### Response to No. 4:

Name	% of Voting Securities
Quaker Capital Management Corp. and Affiliates	23.4
CFSC Wayland Advisers, Inc. and Affiliates	19.2
Stephen Feinberg and Affiliates	12.9
Terrence D. Daniels and Affiliates	11.7
James B. Rubin and Affiliates	9.4
Lloyd I.Miller and Affiliates	5.4
Georgia Advisors LLC and Affiliates	4.5

#### **OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

I, J Curtis Henderson, certify that (1) I am the duly elected and qualified Sr. Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Nucentrix Broadband Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), (ii) as such, I am authorized to execute and deliver this Certificate on behalf of the Company, (iii) attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true, correct and complete copy of resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a telephonic meeting held on September 4, 2003, and (1v) said resolutions have not been rescinded or modified and remain in full force and effect

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been executed as of September 4, 2003.

/s/ J. Curtis Henderson

J. Curtis Henderson

Sr. Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

#### **EXHIBIT A**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Nucentrix Broadband Networks, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), adopted the following resolutions at a telephonic meeting held on September 4, 2003:

## I. REORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the Company file a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code");

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board"), having consulted with the Company's legal counsel, financial advisors and management and having otherwise reviewed and considered the Company's financial position, including, without limitation, the liquidity restrictions facing the Company, has determined that negotiations with the Company's creditors outside of a bankruptcy proceeding will not be productive, and

WHEREAS, the Board, after thorough review and consideration, deems it appropriate, advisable, and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to file with a federal bankruptcy court a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code as set forth below.

RESOLVED, that the Company file with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code as set forth in these resolutions,

RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to execute, deliver and file or cause to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, on behalf of the Company, a voluntary petition of the Company pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Petition") in such form or forms as the Chief Executive Officer may approve;

RESOLVED, that, upon the filing of a Petition, the Chief Executive Officer or any Vice-President of the Company (each an "Officer," and collectively, the "Officers") be, and each hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver and file or cause to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, on behalf of the Company, all papers and pleadings necessary or convenient to effectuate the Company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing and any and all other documents, each in such form or forms as such Officer may approve;

**RESOLVED**, that the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, operate its business and incur post-petition indebtedness in the ordinary course of such business on such terms as may be approved by any Officer from time to time as such Officer may determine to be necessary or appropriate;

RESOLVED, that the engagement of the law firm of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. to act as counsel in the representation of the Company as debtor and debtor in possession, prior to and in

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any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code and in all matters arising in connection therewith, is hereby ratified and approved and each Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to retain such other officers, attorneys, financial advisors, and accountants as such Officer shall deem necessary or appropriate;

RESOLVED, that the engagement of the investment bank Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin Capital, Inc. to act as a financial advisor to the Company, prior to and in any case commenced by the Company under the Bankruptcy Code and in all matters arising in connection therewith, is hereby ratified and approved and each Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to retain such other officers, attorneys, financial advisors, and accountants as such Officer shall deem necessary or appropriate;

RESOLVED, that each Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver and file or cause to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, on behalf of the Company, all papers and pleadings necessary or convenient to effect, cause or promote the Company's reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and any and all other documents, including affidavits, or oral testimony necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, each in such form or forms as such Officer may approve, save and except a Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") providing for the restructuring, reorganization or liquidation of the Company, and a Disclosure Statement, together with any amendments or modifications thereto, or any restatements thereof (the "Disclosure Statement"), both the Disclosure Statement and the Plan requiring prior approval of this Board prior to filing with the Bankruptcy Court;

RESOLVED, that each Officer be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to take or cause to be taken any and all such further action, to execute and deliver any and all such further instruments and documents and to pay all such fees and expenses, as such Officer shall deem appropriate in his judgment to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions;

RESOLVED, that each Officer be, and hereby is, authorized, on behalf of the Company, to certify and attest to any documents which he may deem necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions; provided, that such attestation shall not be required for the validity of any such documents;

RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by any Officer, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, in connection with any of the above matters are hereby in all respects ratified, confirmed, and approved; and

**RESOLVED**, that in the event that the Chief Executive Officer does not file such Chapter 11 proceedings authorized by these resolutions on or before September 5, 2003, then and in such event the authority granted by these resolutions shall terminate.

#### IV. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED, that the Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute, deliver and perform such agreements, instruments and documents and take such other action, in

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